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In re the Application of: **HOSHI, George et al.**

Group Art Unit: **3753**

Serial No.: **09/893,522**

Examiner: **FOX, John C.**

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P.T.O. Confirmation No.: **2987**

For: **FLUID CONTROL DEVICE**

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT
DATED NOVEMBER 14, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: December 15, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Requirement for an Election of Species Requirement dated **November 14, 2003**, the applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the species embodying Species G (Figures 11-14). Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 15 and 16 read on this species. The applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

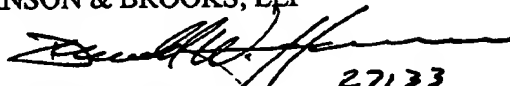
The applicants respectfully request an early examination on the elected claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 15 and 16 and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please
charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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